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MIKE WALLACE: Close to 200,000 Americans lost their lives fighting the Nazis in World War II, and yet hundreds of those Nazis and their collaborators eventually wound up living comfortably here in the United States, becoming U.S. citizens. How did it happen? That is the story we shall tell in "The Nazi Connection," a story you have never heard till now, of how highly placed U.S. officials, despite the express orders of two Presidents of the United States, invited Nazi collaborators, killers, to these shores to trade what they knew about the Soviet Union for sanctuary here.

JOHN LOFTUS: Several hundred Nazi collaborators from Eastern Europe and Russia were smuggled into the United States for intelligence purposes.

WALLACE: Smuggled by whom?

LOFTUS: State Department intelligence. Specifically, the Office of Policy Coordination. It was the first covert spy agency set up in the United States. They predated the CIA by several months.

WALLACE: Who is this man making these charges, and what gives him the right to say what he has just said? His name is John Loftus, and for two years he was a prosecutor with the Office of Special Investigations in the Department of Justice responsible for weeding Nazis and Nazi collaborators out of the United States. His security clearance went three levels above top secret. But this young Irish-Catholic attorney, now in private practice in Boston, has decided that his conscience demands that he bring to light what he says remained for too long a dark and sinister top secret.